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COMPENSATION USING A READ TIMING PATH

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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 12, 2005, requiring election of species, i.e., I - Fig. 4 and II - Fig. 11, Applicants provisionally elect species I, Fig. 4. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9, 11-19 and 21-29 are readable upon the species illustrated by Fig. 4.

Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 11 and 21 are generic.

Applicants reserve the right without prejudice to have the non-elected claims considered upon the allowance of the elected claims.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.